

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**RESPONSE TO THE JULY 7, 2009 OFFICE ACTION**

APPLICANTS: Maria Torpo et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 3766  
SERIAL NO. 10/562,302 EXAMINER: Luther G. Behringer  
FILED: December 22, 2005 CONFIRMATION NO.: 3792  
TITLE: APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated July 7, 2009, but believe the claims are patentable over the rejections made by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.